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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2174**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiro MACHIDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2174

Application No.: 09/810,534

Examiner: P. KE

Filed: March 19, 2001

Docket No.: 108973

For: OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
USING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**